

**CHILD PROTECTION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATA WORKGROUP**

May 12, 2016

1:00-3:30 p.m.

Department of Education

Collette Education Center, Dover DE Conference Room D

**Attendees:** Jen Davis, Joyce Hawkins, Joann Bruch, Brittany Willard, Chris McIntyre, Eliza Hirst, Rachael Neff, Lisa Jumps

**Minutes:** Previous minutes were approved.

Brittany distributed the revised Data and noted that there was some discrepancy with the data.

**Review of the Data:**

**Attendance rates** are not concerning. The group discussed that one of the main factors that enhance attendance is McKinney Vento transportation. Because of changes to ESSA, some transportation costs will likely shift to DSCYF. As such, the workgroup agreed to draft letter to request tracking of foster care students for next year so that DFS will have a sense of the cost constraints. Eliza will draft the letter and send to Susan Haberstroh for review.

**Special Education Rates** are higher and increasing. DOE will try to pull whether youth received an IEP before entering foster care. The group agreed to request additional data on the following: special education graduation rate and certificate of attendance rates (up to 21), graduating with a certificate (on time), and breakdown of eligibility classifications for special education kids. Jenn Davis will follow up on graduate rate with different cohort years. (5 year and 6 year)

DFS agreed to request information regarding how many youth are in GED programs—(Joann will follow up with tracking GED in categories for PCIC and the IL program.

**Discipline rates:** discipline incidents only include incidents that are reportable to DOE.

-Higher rates of foster students with out-of-school suspension. Brittany has requested state wide breakdown for elementary, middle, high school. That request is still pending.

-Expulsion rates: five year comparison: foster students a little higher, but there is not a high expulsion rate. No new data needs to be collected on this issue.

**Graduation rates:** Because foster students are not tracked on a cohort, DFS agreed to see if they can ask for internal data on how many 18, 19 year olds graduate? (May be able to be tracked through the board extension or other ways). Joann will follow up with Felicia Kellum. Brittany and Eliza will request Data of the graduating class, how many DSCYF graduated (or have ever been in foster care).

**Smarter balance** math proficiency: Brittany requested the SAT data for 2015 and present. That request is still pending.

-Algebra data. The group agreed that it may be helpful to ask for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade math (especially because some districts use an integrated curriculum). Brittany and Eliza will follow up to ask for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade math.

**Missing data**: 504 plan eligibility. DSCYF can collect 504 plan data by age and grade, which should be available in 6 months.

**Education court report update**: The template was not ready at the time of the meeting. Training will be in June with regional offices (all over the state). When the template is ready, Rachael and Eliza will develop training on why this form is necessary and how to use it. (Joann will send the dates). The workgroup agreed to call the form the Student Comprehensive Education Report (SCER).

**Western Sussex Summit**: The Summit will be held on September 13, 2016. Joann, Eliza, Rachael, and Chris offered to help plan the conference if Michele Marinucci wants assistance. Rachael will reach out to the Family Court judges to save the date. Eliza will follow up with Michele on a save the date.

**Other**: Jenn Davis reported she went to **Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy**. 16-18 year olds who are off track this coeducational program. It's a 22 week residential component run by the National Guard located in laurel MD, which starts on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Students take GED or can take classes to return to school district. They are required to have a mentor when they return home. They can take DSCYF foster kids.

They only accept youth with no felonies. Youth can have an IEP, but the program can't handle certain accommodations. Interested/accepted youth would need to disenroll from school here first. The program can offer Delaware 12 slots for free. There is an application process and an interview process. [www.Cgyca.org](http://www.Cgyca.org). Information sessions available. May 24<sup>th</sup> in New Castle County (basin road), 10-12, 1-3, June 14 Smyrna national guard (same time), June 18<sup>th</sup> same time. Next class starts in January.

**Next Meeting: September 14, 2016 at 10:00 am, Roma Restaurant.**